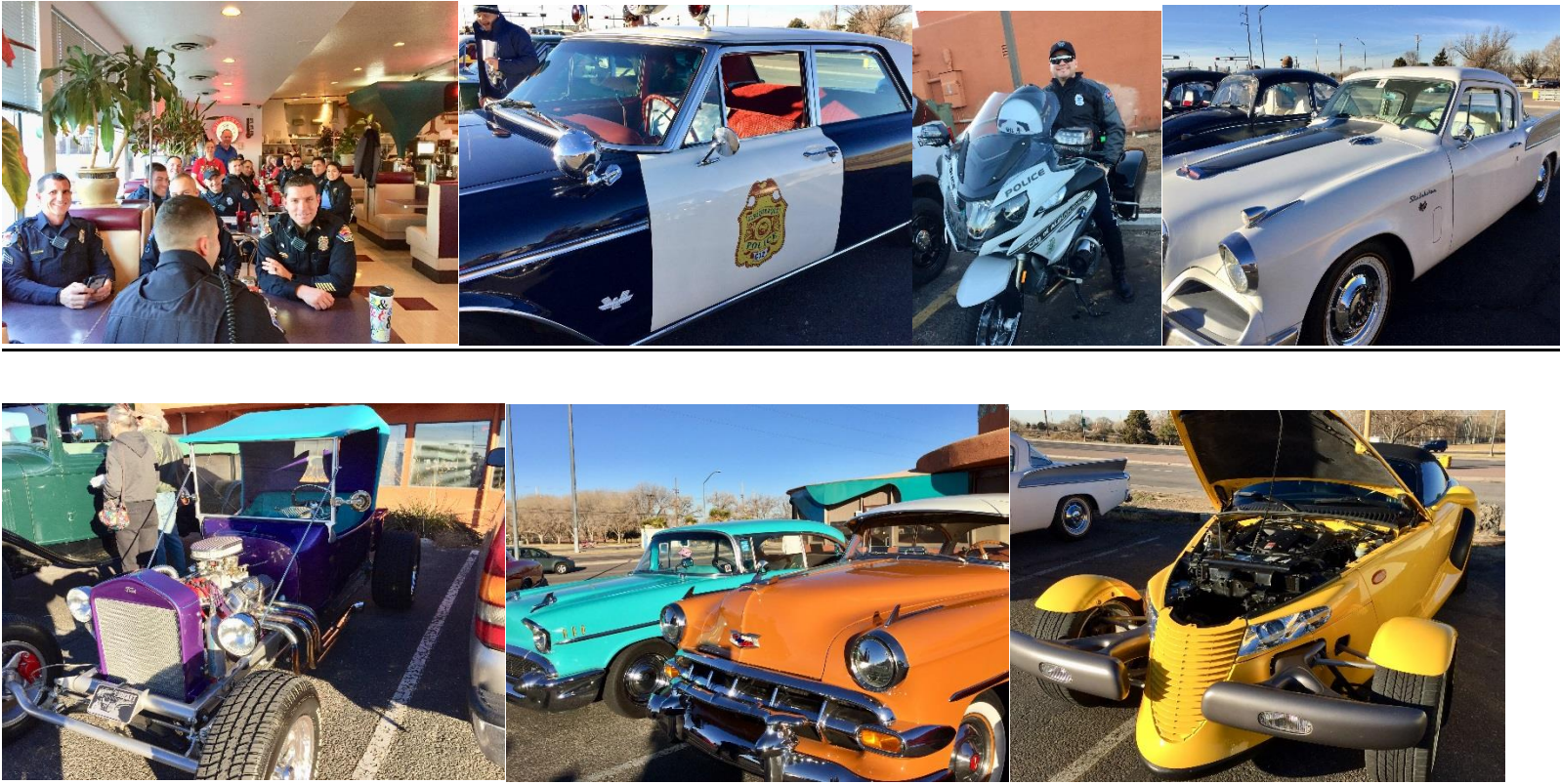




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Property Crimes in the Foothills Area Command February 1 – 2 – 3, 2019

3 Stolen Vehicles: 200-block of Figueroa NE, 1200-block of Elizabeth St NE, 300-block of Western Skies SE.

1 Residential Burglary: 700-block of Juan Tabo Blvd NE (made entry via a sliding glass door).

5 Auto Burglaries:

13500-block of Terragon Dr NE (left vehicle unlocked, stole \$3 in change, 3 gift cards and a checkbook)

10000-block of Menaul Blvd NE (broke window and rear cargo gate to steal a large speaker)

10900-block of Towner Ave NE (broke window to steal wallet, IDs, Social Security card, \$200 in cash)

10900-block of Mahlon Ave NE (unknown point of entry to steal an auxiliary cord)

4600-block of Eubank Blvd NE (unknown point of entry, unknown what was stolen and happened 2 days prior to reporting to police)

Again we see auto burglaries where items left inside vehicles are being stolen that can lead to other crimes like identity theft and fraud. Leaving IDs, wallets, Social Security cards and checkbooks inside parked vehicles can all be used to piece together a personal profile on the victim and used to commit further crime, victimizing the victim over and over again. Although the crime of auto burglary is particularly violating, it would greatly reduce auto burglaries if people would stop leaving valuables and items with personal information in vehicles and walking away for hours on end, or in one case this weekend, for two days. We just have to change that old habit of leaving things inside our vehicles – are you making your vehicle a bait car? If you change that one habit and bring your wallet, etc. inside with you when you park, you will be greatly reducing your odds of being a victim.

Be safe! Jill Garcia, Crime Prevention Specialist / IPCS, NCPS – Albuquerque Police Department, Foothills Area Command